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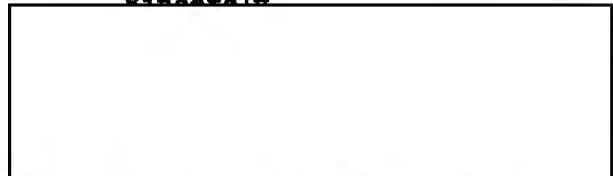
Mr. S. J. Pomrenze
Chief, Office Management Division
Office of the Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20315

Dear Mr. Pomrenze:

The attached notes received with your request DAAG-ASR-S
(71510) dated 9 August 1972 have been reviewed. This Agency has
no objection to the declassification and release of these notes
to Mr. John A. Burnbaum.

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Sincerely,



Chief, Records Administration Branch

Attachment:

6 pages of typed notes taken
by Mr. John A. Burnbaum

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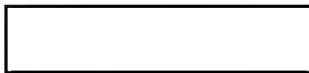
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Records Administration Officer
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We have been requested to review the inclosed notes for possible declassification and release to Mr. John A. Burnbaum, an unofficial researcher. We propose to do so if you agree. These notes concern OSS operations.

Please let us know your views on our proposal. We would appreciate the return of the inclosed notes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. J. Pomrenze".

S. J. POMRENZE
Chief, Office Management Division
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Request to declassify enclosed notes relating to OSS for John A. Burnbaum.

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May we have your comments, please.

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SSU has no objection to the
Dept of the Army releasing the
attached notes on John A. Burnbaum.

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Notes taken from the records of G-2 Regional File - Austria
Type of Document: OSS Report
File No. and Symbol: 1190 - Vienna Date: May 25, 1944
From: Switzerland To: OSS
Subject: Present Situation in Vienna

"A report from someone who has just returned from Austria emphasizes the point that Austria, and Vienna in particular, are no longer places inhabited by Austrians, but by the strangest mixture of nationalities from the Near East and Western Russia. In the streets of Vienna, very little Austrian German is now heard. Practically all the able-bodied men have been removed from Austria for military or other services, and many of the younger women. A thousand Ukrainians are included among the Vienna Gestapo forces. Vienna has known many sad days since 1914, but the city is now going through its most tragic days of all."

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Notes taken from the records of G-2 Regional File - Austria
Type of Document: OOS Report
File No. and Symbol: F2916/43 Date: AUGUST 13, 1943
From: _____ To: _____
Subject: Austria - Miscellaneous Information

1. Military - "Numerous war industry plants were transferred from the Reich during the winter and spring of 1943 to the Wiener Neustadt and Linz regions, where huts were erected to house several score thousand workers."
- "In April 1943 a mass evacuation of civilians from the Reich to Austria was started."
2. Economic- "The Germans are exploiting Austria to the same extent as other occupied territories. Food position is very bad, the quality of bread is steadily growing worse, causing digestive trouble. Black market is flourishing in spite of heavy reprisals and numerous executions...."
3. Morale - "The Austrians hate the Nazis and the Prussians and everything German. The Austrians avoid all contact with the Reichsdeutsche who have taken over all the most important posts while the Austrian Nazis have done the same in Holland/ Seyss-Inquart/ in Poland/Globecnik? - everywhere but in their own country. The Hitler salute has disappeared. The Nazis represent 2% of the population at most.... The war is regarded as a "Prussian cause". Nobody believes in victory."

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Notes taken from the records of G-2 Regional File - Austria
Type of Document: article in Office of Naval Intelligence Weekly
File No. and Symbol: 2554-G Date: August 25, 1943
From: _____ To: _____
Subject: "War Industries in Austria and Czechoslovakia"

"At the time of the German occupation, Austrian industry was not important, and the few large factories were not very well equipped and were all underemployed, principally because the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after 1918 had cut them off from their former markets. As soon as the Germans got into Austria they began big schemes of development. The basis of these was the development of Austrian hydroelectric power and the building of the immense Hermann Goering steel works at Linz. Both projects have proceeded slowly owing to the very large amount of constructional work involved. At the same time, the leading Austrian factories around Vienna and elsewhere have been reequipped, in some cases extended, and set to work on important tasks in the war production program; and new works have been built, particularly for aircraft production."

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Notes taken from the records of G-2 Regional File - Germany
Type of Document: OSS Report
File No. and Symbol: #A 1078 Date: October 1942
From: _____ To: _____
Subject: Austrian Soldiers

".... the relations btw German and Austrian soldiers are not good. Austrian soldiers have a whole series of insulting nick-names for the Reich soldiers which they employ inspeaking to one another. Even btw Austrian and German officers there are notable tensions."

Losses

"Austrian soldeirs returining home express themselves in the negative concerning actions hostile to the Nazis at the front. There are no possibilities for that. The losses of the Austrian population are high. From almost every family there is at least one male member in service, and many families have already to lament a war sacrifice..... The Austrian troops are onall fronts and in all of the occupied lands, even in France."

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Notes taken from the records of G-2 Regional File - Germany
Type of Document: Military Attache Report in Berlin
File No. and Symbol: #16.310 Date: December 2, 1938
From: _____ To: _____
Subject: "Administration of Austria"

"The political situation in Austria seems to be marked by a great deal of political confusion due to the multiplicity of authority. This condition is particularly marked in Vienna where four high officials: Reichsstatthalter Seyss-Inquart, Gauleiter Buerckel, Gauleiter Globocnik, and Mayor Neubacher appear to be each attempting to pursue a policy of his own.

The multiplicity of authorities of various sorts and conditions, at present 'governing' in Austria, has become a bye work in every part of Germany. This confusion is in part due to the local Vienna politics. In still larger part, however, it is probably an inevitable concomitant of such a major political revolution as the Anschluss was, which placed the Fuehrer before the necessity of both taking into account local feelings and at the same time seeing to it that action took precedence over talk. The political confusion is in evidence all over Austria, but reaches its peak in Vienna. In this city four personalities have a say as to the way things should be done. Sometimes they agree, more often, however, they appear to see things differently."

- includes sketches of these four men:

1. Seyss-Inquart "is a moderate Nazi with strong Catholic affiliations."

2. Buerckel "is a very able man and perhaps might be termed

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a bit of a rough neck."

3. Globoknik "is an able fanatic, uncompromising National
Socialist."

4. Neubacher "is an able, educated enginner" with vision
and executive ability.

"This confusion of personalities should end in March 1939, when
Austria as a political entity disappears and the seven Gaus commence
to deal directly with Berlin....."

"In the passing from Germany to Austria the first political
impression of an observer is that a much larger percentage of the
population in Austria wears the party emblem than in Germany. The
party claims 850,000 members in Austria or a number amounting to
about 15% of the population. In Germany there is a limit of 10%
on party membership. The appearance of a Vienna street, however,
suggests that 850,000 is too low a figure."

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